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In re Application of

Frank D. Markum

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: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is in response to applicants= petition filed November 8, 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d) based on infringement.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, II, relating to actual or potential infringement. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

Applicant has also satisfied the provisions of M.P.E.P. 708.02, I, for manufacture and VIII, to make special for other reasons.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile transmission to the Office general facsimile number 703-872-9306.

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